

*On some rare Muhammadan Coins.*—By SURGEON-CAPTAIN W. VOST.

(With two Plates.)

[Read April 1895.]

I. SHĒR SHĀH SŪRĪ.

PLATE II. FIG. 1. [W. CROOKE, C.S.]

Weight in  
grains and  
measurement  
in English inches.

*Obverse.*

In double square—

<p>Æ 172 1·07</p>	<p>شاه سلطان شیر خدا الله ملکه</p>
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*Lower margin—*

شیر گده followed by words which do not appear to be either a date, or عرف قنوج. Mint: Shērgarh. *Other margins, doubtful.*

*Reverse.*

In double square, Kalimah and probably names of companions of Muḥammad.

PLATE II. FIG. 2. [W. CROOKE, C.S.]

<p>Æ 165 0·85</p>	<p><i>Obverse and Reverse.</i> As on Fig. 1.</p>
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PLATE II. FIG. 3. [W. CROOKE, C.S.]

<p>Æ 172 0·75</p>	<p><i>Obverse and Reverse.</i> As on Fig. 1, but no margins.</p>
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On all three coins 6-rayed star above ر of شیر, and 5-rayed star in upper left hand corner of double square of reverse.

Weight in  
grains and  
measurement  
in English inches.

As the letters, position and style of ornaments on coins Figs. 2 and 3 agree so minutely with those on Fig. 1, I think they must all have been minted at Shērgarh. Mr. Rodgers believes a coin like Fig. 3, in the March Number of the *Indian Antiquary* for 1888, to be a forgery.

PLATE II. FIG. 4.

In square areas with a loop at the corners:—

*Obverse.*

Æ	سلطان	
307	شیرشاہ	Mint: Chunār.
0·9	خلد اللہ ملکہ	

*Upper margin, . . . . ابوالمظ*; *right ضرب چنار*; *lower, illegible*; *left, absent.*

*Reverse.*

فیعهد	
المیرة	951 H.
الحامی	

*Upper margin ... العد*; *right سنہ ۹۴۲*; *lower and left illegible.*

Rupees only were known of the Chunār mint.

*Unique.*

II. ISLĀM SHĀH, SŪRĪ.

PLATE II. FIG. 5. [DR. W. HOEY, C.S.]

*Obverse.*

Æ	الوائق بتائید
316	الرحمن الو
0·9	شہ
	ائق اسلام سلطان
	اللہ
	خلد ملکہ و سلطانہ

*Reverse.*

دار الضرب	(؟ دارالجرت)
فرعہ الملکہ	
العاذل اسلام	
لودھانہ بلدہ (؟)	

(Date here not seen).

## PLATE II. FIG. 6. [W. CROOKE, C.S.]

Æ

*Obverse and Reverse.*

316

As on Fig. 5, with date ٩٤٠.

0·9

The mint appears to be either Lūdhiāna لودھیانہ, as suggested in the *Journal, Asiatic Society*, by Mr. Rodgers, or possibly Būdhiāna بودھیانہ in the Muzaffarnagar district of the North-Western Provinces.

These appear to be the same as those beginning with No. 84, Islām Shāh, in the "Coins of the Mogul Emperors of India," and are of importance in shewing clearly several words of the legends not previously correctly read.

## III. MUHAMMAD SHĀH, SŪRĪ.

## PLATE II. FIG. 7. [W. CROOKE, C.S.]

*Obverse.*

Æ

٩٦٠ هـ

960 H.

302

[ش] ا محمد ×

0·83

السلطان (?)

*Reverse.*

ناصر الدنيا والدين

ابو الفتح

Mint:

[متبر] ک جون [پور]

Jaunpūr.

Compare No. 8, p. 54, "Mogul Emperors of India," Rodgers, 1894.

*Unique.*

## PLATE II. FIG. 8. [W. CROOKE, C.S.]

*Obverse.*

Æ

بتا [بد] الرحمن

153

محمد × عا [دل]

0·68

*Reverse*

... ين الد

٩٦٣

963 H

[ضرب چ] هوسه

Mint: Chūsa.

In the Indian Museum Catalogue, Part I, 1894, there is a rupee of Muhammad Shāh Sūr, from the Chhūnsī mint.

*Unique.*

## IV. AKBAR.

## PLATE II. FIGS. 9, 10, 11, 12.

Weight in  
grains and  
measurement  
in English inches.

Æ  
302 — 0·87  
309 — 0·82  
312 — 0·85  
162½ — 0·73

*Obverse.*

دار الخلافة  
فلوس\*

س — كة

بهرایچ  
ضرب

Mint:  
Bahrāich.

*Reverse.*

و  
هشت د

هفتا

نصد

سنه

في تاريخ

٩.....٧

978 H.

The 14 coins of the Bahrāich mint, I have seen, are dated in 976 or 978 H. They are at once recognized by the 6-rayed star in the loop of *س* of *falūs*. Many of the reverses of these coins have not the word *سنه*. I have shewn the numerals in the position I have seen them on some specimens. Bahrāich has not before been recorded as one of Akbar's mints. From a comparison of the four coins now figured the legend can be made out.

## PLATE II. FIG. 13.

*Obverse.*

دار الخلافة

خطه اوده

ضرب

Mint:  
Audh.

*Reverse.*

Illegible.

The *Āin-i-Akbarī* tells us "Ayodhya, commonly called *Awadh*" was one of the mints of Akbar from which copper was issued. The word *خطه* occurs on coins of *Bābar* and *Humāyūn* of the Jaunpur mint, and on some of Akbar struck at *Kālpī*.

*Unique.*



## PLATE III., FIG. 14. [W. CROOKE, C.S.]

*Obverse.*

Æ	(?) غازی [؟ اکبر]	
301	بادشاه	966 H.
0·9	۹۶۶	
	(?) سنه محمد	
	ن	
	ملکه و	

*Reverse.*

Kalimah in two lines.

At page 222 of the *Indian Antiquary* for July 1890, Mr. Rodgers has given (Fig. 19, Plate ii.) a coin very similar in appearance to this weighing 315 grains and dated 966 H. He reads the obverse inscription:—

جلال الدین محمد اکبر ضرب سنه ۹۶۶

## PLATE III., FIG. 15.

*Obverse.*

Æ	پور	Mint:
309	جلال	Jalālpūr.
0·85	...	

*Reverse.*

	چهار	
	هفتاد [و]	974 H.
	نصد و	

Jalālpūr, on the right bank of the Jhelam river in the Panjāb, was a flourishing place in Akbar's time. General Cunningham identified it with the ancient Bucephala. Now it is of no importance.

As this coin was found in Audh, it may have been struck at one of the two towns, named Jalālpūr in that province.

*Unique.*

## PLATE III., FIG. 16. [V. A. SMITH, C.S.]

*Obverse.*

In oblong area—

Æ	۱۰۰۰	1000 H.
Square.	محمد اکبر با [د شاه]	
174	جلال الدین	
0·7 × ·75	Margins illegible.	

*Reverse (not shewn).*

Kalimah.

Coin peculiar in having figures instead of الف for 1000 H.

## PLATE III., FIG. 17.

Weight in  
grains and  
measurement  
in English inches.

Æ  
150  
0·7

*Obverse.*

گورکپور  
فلوس

Mint:  
Gōrakhpūr.

*Reverse.*

٥٠  
—  
دي

50th year.  
Month: Daī.  
*Unique.*

## PLATE III., FIG. 18.

Æ  
37½  
0·4

*Obverse.*

[ پور ]  
گورک

Mint:  
Gōrakhpūr.

*Reverse.*

(٥) شتا (د)  
نہصد  
سنہ

980 H.

Ornament of 4 loops before first گ of mint name.  
*Unique.*

## PLATE III., FIG. 19. [V. A. SMITH, C.S.]

*Obverse.*

In a circle with dotted circle outside:—

Æ  
38  
0·45

گورکپور  
فلوس

Mint:  
Gōrakhpūr.

*Reverse.*

Part of a circle visible:—

٥٠  
—  
خور داد

50th year.

Month: Khūrdād.

Part of ornament as on Fig. 18. Thomas, in *Chroni-  
cles*, page 428, gives گورکھپور as the spelling of this  
mint.

*Unique.*

## PLATE III., FIG. 20.

*Obverse.*

Æ	تَنكُه اِكْبَر شَاهِي	$\frac{1}{4}$ tankah.
154	چهارم حصه	
0·7	٧	(? = 1007 H.)
	(?) سنه	

*Reverse.*

	[١٤] ١٤ اله	44th year.
	ابان	Month: Abān.

## PLATE III., FIG. 21.

*Obverse and Reverse.*

Æ	As on Fig. 20, but	بهست	Month:
158		اردی	Ardībhīst.
0·77			

## PLATE III., FIG. 22. (W. CROOKE, C.S.)

*Obverse.*

Æ	(?) دار الخلافه	Mint:
318·5	فلوس <sup>+</sup>	Kalānūr.
0·85	ضرب كالنور	

*Reverse.*

	چ [ها] ر	
	ه شتاد [و]	984 H.
	نہصد [و]	
	سنه	
	في	

Star of 4 points in *س* of *falūs*, and 4-looped ornament attached to tail of *د* of *نہصد*.

*Unique.*

## PLATE III., FIG. 23.

*Obverse.*

Æ	[خلد] الله تعا ملكه	
180	محمد اكبر بادشاه	
0·75	جلال الدين غاز	
	[ضرب] ب دار... اله اباد	Mint: Allahābād.
		<i>Reverse.</i> (Not shewn).

Kalimah, with (?) ٩٧٨ in right hand lower corner of coin.

987 H.

*Unique.*

## V. JAHĀNGĪR.

## PLATE III., FIG. 24.

Weight in  
grains and  
measurement  
in English inches.

*Obverse.*

In 8-foil, in a circle, with dotted circle outside:—

Æ  
136  
0·95

شده  
روان

*Reverse.*

In 8 foil, &c.

۱۰۲۲  
قندهار  
فلوس

1022 H.  
Mint: Qandahār.

A coin of this type given by me to Mr. C. J. Rodgers is now in the Lahore Museum. It is dated 1019 H., 5th year, and weighs 129 grains.

Besides the one in the plate another in my collection, 1027 H., weighs as much as 154 grains. Neither appears to have had any regnal year following ۷ on the obverse. They are not much worn. No others are known. Obtained at Quetta.

## VI. SHĀH JAHĀN.

## PLATE III., FIG. 25. [W. CROOKE, C.S.]

*Obverse.*

Æ  
38·5  
0·53

شاه جهان  
فلوس

*Reverse.*

نارنول  
ب  
ضرب

Mint:  
Nārñol.

## VII. AURANGZĪB.

## PLATE III., FIG. 26. [W. CROOKE, C.S.]

*Obverse.*

Æ  
307·5  
0·85

سنة  
اباد  
شاه  
جهان  
ضرب



*Reverse.*

سنه  
مبارک  
جلوس

Mint:  
Shāhjahānābād.

Good specimens give the regnal and *Jalūs* years respectively above سنه of the obverse and reverse.

## PLATE III., FIG. 27.

*Obverse.*

*A*  
171  
0·85

اورنگ زیب عالم گیر

۱۱۱۵

1115 H.

شاه

زد چو مهر منیر  
سکه

[ درجه ان ]

*Reverse.*

جلوس  
میمنت  
دارالجهاد تته  
۴۷  
مانو [ س ]  
ضرب

Mint:  
Dāru-l-Jihād  
Tattah.  
47 jalūs.

On obverse ۱۱۱۵ below *یب*; reverse ۴۷ below *ه*.

“Dar-ul-Jihād” we know from rupees of Aurangzib was applied to Haidarābād (Sind). This is the first time it has been observed on a mohur, and it is interesting to discover that Tattah, still lower down the Indus, also used the epithet.

## VIII. MUHAMMAD SHĀH.

## PLATE III., FIG. 28.

*Obverse.*

*Æ*  
190  
0·8

محمد

شاه

[ با ] د شاه غازے

(?) سکه مبارک

*Reverse.*

سنه

6 jalūs.

۶

Mint:

[ جل ] و سس

Hāfizābād

ضرب

حافظا باد

Hāfizābād, 32 miles west of Gujrānwālā, Panjāb,

Weight in  
grains and  
measurement  
in English inches.

formerly of great importance, is recorded in the *Ain-i-Akbari* as the head-quarters of a *Mahāl*. This is a new mint. The coin is of the 6th year, probably of *Muhammad Shāh Mughul*.

*Unique.*

IX. SHĀH 'ALAM.

PLATE III., FIG. 29.

*Obverse.*

Æ  
169  
0·9

شاه عالم  
—  
باد شاه آواز  
—  
ک

سکه مبارک ۱۱۸۴ 1184 H.

Star of 8 dots below م of عالم, and ornament of 3 rays above ب of مبارک.

*Reverse.*

مصطفی اباد

Mint:

ضرب

Muṣṭafābād.

جلوس میمنت مانوس

۱۱

11 jalūs.

Star of central dot and 7 rays in س of جلوس and part of one of three-pointed rays in س of مانوس. 1184, 11th year.

Muṣṭafābād is between Sahāranpūr and Lūdhiāna.

*Unique.*

PLATE III., FIG. 30.

*Obverse.*

Æ  
192  
0·85

عالم شا  
۱۲ ۱  
—  
ه  
فلوس

1212 H

*Reverse.*

اباد

Mint:

حسین

Husainābād.

[ ضرب ] ب

[ جلوس ] ۳۹

39 jalūs.

Husainābād is probably that portion of Lākhnau (Lucknow) known by this name.

*Unique.*

## TABLE OF CONTENTS PLATE II.

No.	Name.	Mint.	Epithet.	Year. (H or I)	Month.	Jalūs. Metal.	Weight.	Measure- ment.
1	Shēr Shāh Sūrī	Shēgarh	...	.....	.....	Æ	172	1·0
2	” ”	.....	...	.....	.....	”	165	0·85
3	” ”	.....	...	.....	.....	”	172	0·75
4	” ”	Chunār	...	951	.....	Æ	307	0·9
5	Islām ”	(?) Būdhāna	(?) Dāru-ḡ-ḡarb	.....	.....	”	316	0·9
6	” ”	”	”	95 <sup>a</sup>	.....	”	316	0·9
7	Muḡammad ‘Ādil Shāh Sūrī	Jaunpūr	Mutabarak	960	.....	”	302	0·83
8	” ”	Chūsa	...	963	.....	”	153	0·68
9	Akbar ...	Bahrāich	Dāru-l-khilāfat	978	.....	”	302	0·87
10	” ”	”	...	”	.....	”	309	0·82
11	” ”	”	...	97 <sup>a</sup>	.....	”	312	0·85
12	” ”	”	...	97 <sup>a</sup>	.....	”	162·5	0·73
13	” ”	Audh	<u>Khitta</u>	.....	.....	”	316	0·85

## TABLE OF CONTENTS PLATE III.

No.	Name.	Mint.	Epithet.	Year. (H or I)	Month.	Jalus. Metal.	Weight.	Measure- ment.
14	Akbar	.....	...	966	.....	Æ	301	0·9
15	"	Jalāl-pūr...	...	974	.....	"	309	0·85
16	"	.....	...	1000	.....	Æ	174	0·7 × 0·75
17	"	Gōrakh-pūr	...	50	Daī	Æ	150	0·7
18	"	"	...	980	.....	"	37·5	0·4
19	"	"	...	50	Khūrdād	"	38	0·45
20	"	.....	...	44	Abān	"	154	0·7
21	"	.....	...	44	Ardībhist	"	158	0·77
22	"	Kalānūr ...	Dāru-l-khilāfat ...	984	.....	"	318·5	0·85
23	"	Allahābād	Dāru-l- (?)	987	.....	A	180	0·75
24	Jahāngīr	Qandahār	...	1022	.....	Æ	136	0·95
25	Shāh Jahān	Nārnl ...	...		.....	"	38·5	0·53
26	Aurangzīb	Shāhjahanābād	...		.....	"	307·5	0·85
27	"	Tattah ...	Dāru-l-jihād	1115	.....	A	171	0·85
28	Muhammad Shāh	Hāfizābād	...		.....	Æ	190	0·8
29	Shāh 'Ālam	Muṣṭafābād	...	1184	.....	Æ	169	0·9
30	"	Husainābād	...	1212	.....	Æ	192	0·85





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